

Speech -The Mayor- Disability Confident Scheme Event 2018

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council`s Community Engagement Forum Disability Confident Event

Date: 04 December 2018.

Venue: Council Office, Bushloe House, Council Chamber, Station Road, Wigston, LE18 2DR

Duration: 8:00am until 9.30am

Ladies, Gentlemen and Councillors

Good morning and welcome to this Community Engagement Forum Disability Confident Scheme Event.

Disability Confident is a scheme that is designed to help organisations recruit and retain disabled people and people with health conditions for their skills and talent. It aims to challenge negative attitudes towards employing disabled people, promote equal employment opportunities and change attitudes for the better.

This event is principally to raise awareness and provide information about the Disability Confident Scheme by; The Department for Work and Pensions and the Leicester Employment Hub accessible to local employers, businesses , Community Groups and Voluntary Organisations. Yesterday was also the annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons , proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. This event also celebrates that day.

It is hoped that this event will be a step change within the local community and we will see real progression locally in the support provided by local employers for disabled people.

Getting more disabled people into jobs lets them bring their talents into the workplace, but also gives employers access to the new ideas, new thinking and new skills they offer. This can be seen as a win-win for everyone.

Therefore, it is wonderful to see so many of you here this morning and I hope you find this event both informative and useful.

Thank you.